4. Finally, as discussed in the petition, the issue presented here has national importance. The panel's decision unnecessarily complicates the process of negotiating, drafting, and implementing class action settlements, and it does so at a time when district courts need more ability, not less, to monitor and enforce such settlements. If the decision below stands, parties in many complex class actions could protect their interests, if at all, only by accomplishing the almost-impossible task of bringing an additional third-party defendant class or sub-classes of all distributors into the class action lawsuit. Thus, the lower court's interpretation of the Anti-Injunction Act's exceptions casts substantial doubt on the ability of parties and federal courts to enforce bargains negotiated and settlements approved in future complex federal class action lawsuits.

C. Conclusion

The petition for a writ of certiorari should be granted.

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